

FAMINE AND FLOOD FOLLOW EARTHQUAKE

Landslide Fills Canal at Monterotondo-Rovella and It Overflows.

DEAD NOW ESTIMATED AT 35,000

Ten Thousand Persons Who Escaped Death in the Area District are Unable to Get Relief From Hunger and Cold; Some Nine Die at Communion.

Associated Press.
MONTEROTONDO, Jan. 16.—Special dispatches received here from Rome say that the death toll in the earthquake zone is today estimated at 25,000. Further reports doubtless will increase this number.

In a number of directions communication has not been restored and the government has not heard from many mountain towns. The hundreds of persons who were crushed to death in a landslide at Castelbello while attending a musical service.

The village of Roccaraso was nearly destroyed and the population is now homeless. Soldiers searching the ruins of a church at Sora found the bodies of two persons who had been crushed to death in the ruins of the church in the act of receiving communion.

A note given out by the Central News describes the situation in the Sora district as "terrible." Although food is being sent to the district, there is a lack of means to distribute it. The description of the roads interfered with the sending of relief and thousands of persons are suffering from famine.

The director of the observatory at Rome declared yesterday the shock of January 13 was twice as severe as the quake which destroyed Messina. In the latter case all the observatory instruments were broken.

CANAL BLOCKED BY QUAKE; SERIOUS FLOOD FEARED

Associated Press.
Rome, Jan. 16.—A correspondent in Rome writes that the bridge which carries the canal over the ruins of the city of Sora is today blocked by a landslide. The water is rising in the canal and a serious flood is feared. The bridge is a stone structure and the landslide is a result of the earthquake.

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INTENSE COLD INCREASES HORROR OF EARTHQUAKE

Associated Press.
Rome, Jan. 16.—The intense cold which is prevailing in the earthquake zone is today increasing the horror of the disaster. The people are suffering from lack of food and shelter and the cold is making their situation even more desperate.

CONSIDERING GAS

Associated Press.
Rome, Jan. 16.—The Italian government is today considering the possibility of using gas in the earthquake zone. The gas is being used in the form of a disinfectant to prevent the spread of disease.

POLITICIAN KILLS SELF

Associated Press.
Rome, Jan. 16.—A prominent Italian politician is today reported to have committed suicide. The politician was a member of the Italian parliament and was a well-known figure in Italian politics.

CONDUCTOR INJURED

Associated Press.
Rome, Jan. 16.—A train conductor is today reported to have been injured in an accident. The conductor was traveling on a train when the accident occurred.

King and Queen of Italy Lead in Pushing Relief Work for Thousands Of Homeless After Great Quake



Under the direct order of the king and queen of Italy relief work for the sufferers of the great earthquake was at once begun. It is now being pushed as rapidly as possible. America will do her share, many Italian-American societies having already taken up the task of raising relief funds. Thousands are homeless. Thousands are injured. Thousands are dead.

ROCKWOOD RESIDENTS MOVE TO PREVENT RIVER FLOODS

Associated Press.
Rockwood, Jan. 16.—Residents of Rockwood are today moving to prevent river floods. The residents are building a dam across the river to prevent the water from rising and flooding the town.

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Associated Press.
Paris, Jan. 16.—The German government is today claiming that French losses at Soissons are 5,200. The German government is also claiming that the French army is in a state of disarray and is unable to mount a serious attack.

"THIS IS TRUTH" BERLIN SAYS

Associated Press.
Berlin, Jan. 16.—The German government is today saying "this is truth" in reference to the situation in the war. The German government is claiming that the French army is in a state of disarray and is unable to mount a serious attack.

ON PENSION ROLL

Associated Press.
John Lindsay, carpenter foreman for B. & O. Railroad, is today reported to have been placed on the pension roll. Lindsay is a well-known figure in the railroad industry and has been working for the B. & O. Railroad for many years.

NEW WALK READY

Associated Press.
Part of the new walk that is to be made up the new walk on the south side of the Young bridge has been completed and is now ready for use. The new walk is a well-known landmark in the city and has been a source of pride for many years.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast for the next 24 hours. Rain or snow and warmer tonight and Sunday with rain or snow, and colder. The weather is expected to be cloudy with a chance of rain or snow.

TEMPERATURE RECORD

Record for the next 24 hours. Maximum 53, Minimum 28. The temperature is expected to be in the 50s and 30s.

SIGHT FIVE WARSHIPS OFF PERUVIAN COAST

Associated Press.
Five warships are today reported to have been sighted off the coast of Peru. The warships are believed to be part of the Peruvian navy and are on patrol in the area.

MEETING HERE TO BE A PROTEST AGAINST POLYGAMY

Associated Press.
Senator Cannon to Tell Bells of Mormon Religion in Lecture at Colonial Next Sunday. A meeting will be held here next Sunday to protest against polygamy. The meeting is being organized by the National Reform Association and will be held at the Colonial Theatre.

PROMINENT MOUNT PLEASANT MAN IS MISSING FROM HOME

Associated Press.
Frank Stauffer Disappears and Search Fails to Reveal Any Trace. Frank Stauffer, a prominent man from Mount Pleasant, is today reported to have disappeared from his home. A search has been made but no trace has been found.

SUFFERED FROM MELANCHOLIA

Associated Press.
Had Been Under Care of a Physician for Some Weeks but Was Considerably Improved; Retired Last Night and Had Disappeared This Morning. A man who had been suffering from melancholia is today reported to have disappeared. He had been under the care of a physician and was considered to be improving.

BREAKER BURNS

Associated Press.
One Man Killed at Anthracite Mine Fire at Hightstown. A fire at an anthracite mine in Hightstown today resulted in the death of one man. The fire was caused by a gas explosion and the mine is now closed.

COAL DEAL ON

Associated Press.
Side of 21,000 Acres of Freeport Nearly Consummated. A deal for the sale of 21,000 acres of land in Freeport is today reported to be nearly consummated. The deal is being negotiated by the government and private interests.

ANNOYS WOMAN; FINED

Associated Press.
John Clifford Caught by Officers and Arrested. John Clifford is today reported to have been caught by police officers and arrested. Clifford is accused of annoying a woman and has been fined for the offense.

38 CARS WRECKED

Associated Press.
Disasters, Smashed on Snow-Covered Mile Grade of B. & O. Thirty-eight cars are today reported to have been wrecked on a snow-covered mile grade of the B. & O. Railroad. The cars were derailed by the slippery conditions.

JUNIORS AT FAIRCHANCE

Associated Press.
Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball Players Expect Good Showing. The Y. M. C. A. basket ball team is today expected to have a good showing in their game at Fairchance. The team has been practicing hard and is in good form.

TAKE HAITIAN CITY

Associated Press.
Revolutionists Capture Haitian Without Opposition. Revolutionists are today reported to have captured the city of Haiti without any opposition. The revolutionists are claiming to be the true government of the country.

RECOVERS WATCU

Associated Press.
Boy Steals Timepiece But Patrolman Gets It Back. A young boy is today reported to have stolen a timepiece, but a patrolman has since recovered it. The boy is now in custody and the timepiece has been returned to its owner.

REMOVES POLE

Associated Press.
Workmen for the Western Union Telegraph Company this morning removed a pole near the Young bridge in order to make way for the new walk. The pole was a source of inconvenience and had to be removed.

IMPROVES SLOWLY

Associated Press.
Berlin Man, Shot By Neighbor, Is Getting Well. A man from Berlin who was shot by his neighbor is today reported to be improving slowly. The man is now in the hospital and is receiving medical attention.

CAUGHT BY POLICE HERE, GIRL AGAIN TRIES TO KILL SELF

Associated Press.
Alexina Bartlett Nearly Strangles Herself With Veil. Alexina Bartlett is today reported to have been caught by police after trying to kill herself with a veil. She is now in custody and is being treated for her condition.

HAD SECURED DOSE OF POISON

Associated Press.
Wayward Girl, Refused Admission to Morgue, Caught in Moving Picture House Here After Escaping from Parole Officer Near Dunbar. A wayward girl is today reported to have been caught in a moving picture house after escaping from a parole officer. She is now in custody and is being treated for her condition.

REVIVAL SPIRIT STRONG

Associated Press.
Special Meetings in Four Churches. Special meetings are today being held in four churches. The meetings are being held to promote the revival spirit and to encourage people to attend church.

WANTS HIS FIDDLE

Associated Press.
Melville Says He's Going to Hire a Detective. Melville is today reported to have said that he is going to hire a detective. He is claiming that he has been victimized by someone and wants to find out who it is.

CAR IS DAMAGED

Associated Press.
Freight Train Shakes Off Part of Trolley at Junction. A freight train is today reported to have shaken off a part of a trolley at a junction. The trolley is now damaged and is being towed away.

LOGGER ARRESTED

Associated Press.
Charmous Took Liberties at Williams Lodge House. A logger is today reported to have been arrested after taking liberties at the Williams Lodge House. The logger is now in custody and is being treated for his condition.

CHURCHES TAKE GUARD

Associated Press.
Vella Church, Jan. 16.—According to the town of Guadalupe has been captured by the Carranza forces. The Carranza forces are now in control of the town and are taking guard.

FINER AMPUTATED

Associated Press.
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COFFEE RUNS OUT

Associated Press.
Twenty-eight lodgers were fed at city hall this morning. All the coffee having been used, Patrolman Melton was collecting of people at the city hall, the money to be used in buying coffee.

ON HAND TOO OFTEN

Associated Press.
William Bryce of Harrison, Virginia, was arrested for 24 hours for loitering around the city hall. Bryce applied four times for lodging and the police authorities think twice is enough.

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At least, the dead number 1,000. Most of the survivors are injured and they suffer greatly from want of food and lack of care.

MANY JEWS IN ARMY

More Than 10,000 Now Serving Great Britain

LONDON, Jan. 15.—More than 10,000 Jews are now serving in the British army and navy and the army authorities have shown that six officers and 100 enlisted men have been killed and 150 reported wounded or missing in action.

These figures are compiled by the Rev. Michael Miller, the senior rabbi in England, who has been in the front lines of the war.

Before the war, says the rabbi, there were only 500 Jews in the service.

Since the war, all sections of Jews, rich and poor, have responded.

Two of our men have received distinguished conduct medals. There are a large number of Jewish officers and men in the Anatolian forces in Egypt, where they are doing good work.

Among the British troops are about 100 Jews, mostly men of naturalized Russian and Polish descent.

Children, who are found in all the training centers in England.

Successful Supper.

The Philanthropic Club of the Sunday school of the Church in Memorial

Church held a very successful supper and dance in the gymnasium of the church.

Many dollars were raised and quite a sum was realized.

PERSONAL.

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the city.

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SOCIETY.

Ladies Spring Tea.

At the regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist

Church held last night at the home of Mrs. Joseph Dixon on East Main

street, the ladies attended cord to 150

ladies, to be used in the interest of revival meetings to be held by the

church. The tea will be attended by the ladies of different churches,

on one side and invitation to attend the gospel meetings at the First Baptist

Church and on the other side is a large number of ladies.

After the tea, the regular business of the society was taken up and

disposition of arrangements were made for a March Washington supper to

be held Tuesday afternoon and evening, February 23, in the dining room

of the church. A program including piano numbers by Mrs. E. S. Stahl,

a violin solo by Joseph Dixon, Jr., a vocal solo by Mrs. Mabel Graft and a

reading by Mrs. Emma Jean Rhodes was provided. Mrs. William Nelson had

charge of a devotional meeting. Following a men's meeting at the church

last night with the ladies and offered the closing prayer. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Arthur Shaw on Monday evening.

The House and Smoke.

The Blue Club gave a star pie roast dinner and smoker last night at the

home of the Young House. Officers were: President, R. C. McCormick;

Charles McCormick, W. E. Harmon, C. V. Payne, R. L. Shields, A. C. White,

T. J. Williams, W. E. Kelly, C. E. Ross, J. E. Boyd, M. W. Shaw, R. C. Updegraff, Chester Mc-

Keown, R. D. London, O. C. Harmon, J. J. Harner, S. L. Marshall, L. E. Crawford,

H. T. Fowler, A. L. Miller, George Galt, G. W. Thompson, R. E. Tremblay, J. S. Brown, R. J. Hooper,

C. R. McCormick, R. S. Moore, R. E. Dickstone, E. R. Hornum and Sherman Robinson.

Afternoon at Bridge House.

Mrs. Paul Dick is entertaining the "Thursday Afternoon" Bridge White

Club at the home of the Windsor apartments.

Afternoon at Clinks.

Mr. Paul S. Harner was hostess at the regular meeting of the "Thurs-

day Afternoon Club" yesterday afternoon at her home on West

Fourth street. Plans for a social affair were discussed.

At the home of Mrs. K. L. Long and Mrs. H. C. Hoffman was the club

meeting and Mrs. Florence Hoag of Pittsburgh, the guest of Mrs. Paul

Dick, presided. The guests' prizes for the week were given.

Mr. J. C. Hoffman will entertain the club next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at her home in Vine street.

Will Hold Food Sale.

At the regular meeting of the Trinity Episcopal Church held last evening

at the home of Mrs. Margaret Frost on East Green street arrangements

were made for a food sale to be held Sunday, April 4.

Commencing with the sale of food, each member will donate at each meeting an article for the annual Christmas bazaar. One new member was received. At the close of the business meeting a very good luncheon was served by the group.

All Day Prayer Meeting.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of South Connellsville held an all day prayer meeting

last evening at the home of Mrs. J. C. Harner. The National Constitutional

Prohibition was the theme of the prayer, songs and reading. An ex-

cellent address dealing along this line was given by Rev. Con-

nelly of the South Connellsville Evangelical Church.

Mission Band Meets.

The monthly business and social meeting of the Boy's Mission Band of the First Presbyterian Church was

held yesterday afternoon after school at the home of Joseph Whiteley on

East Washington avenue. Eight members attended. C. H. Whiteley was a guest and gave an address

which was greatly appreciated by the boys. Refreshments were served.

Valentine Party and Social.

Arrangements are being made for a Valentine party and social to be

held in February in the First Baptist Church at Scudale under the aus-

pices of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Miscellaneous Shows.

Mrs. W. D. Green, a recent bride and a former resident of Connell-

sville, was featured in a miscellaneous show Thursday evening at the

home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butterman, in Greensburg.

After 11 o'clock the dancing at this place was in order of town guests.

DEDICATE BUILDING

Was Presented to Leland School by Patriotic Order

The new grade school building at Leland was dedicated last night with

appropriate exercises. The hall on the second floor, where the program was

held, was filled to its utmost capacity by the citizens of the town.

Representatives of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association, County

Superintendent John S. Carroll also spoke.

The Junior Order United American Mechanics, No. 167, presented the school with a large American flag.

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THIRD WEEK OF MILL-REMNANT SALE BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 18, AND CONTINUES ALL WEEK.

THE KING of All Sales

The great selling of the past two weeks goes to prove that the public appreciates a truly legitimate sale, one that offers quality merchandise at really reduced prices. New offerings will be placed on our counters during the coming week which will be sure to interest you.

THE KING of All Sales

Pittsburg Stores

"Women's 25c hostery at 18c. The lot is limited, just 600 pairs of fast black, full fashioned cotton, etc., regular 25c quality, special, 3 pairs for 50c." Our Price for this kind of hostery is **15c**

"Sheets reduced 1/4, 81x90 in. size. These splendid sheets which are so well liked by thousands, etc., tomorrow 84c." Our Price for this kind of sheets **55c**

PITTSBURG PRICES COMPARED WITH OURS

Some people think if they go to Pittsburg they have reached the "mecca" of low prices. Just to convince such people that "home" buying can be done more advantageously, we call attention to the following items copied from the advertisements of the large Pittsburg stores in Thursday's (January 14) evening papers. These items are exceptionally emphasized as being "wonderful values for Bargain Friday." Beneath each item we note the price we are selling the same merchandise. Is it economy to pay car fare to Pittsburg, when you can buy cheaper at home?

Pittsburg Stores

"Nainsook crepe, cambric or muslin gowns, high neck or slip-over styles, etc., special \$1.00." Our Price on these gowns is only **95c**

"\$1.00 Gowns 75c, fine nainsook, crepe, cambric and muslin gowns, trimmed with embroidery, etc., \$1.00 values 75c." Our Price for these style of gowns **69c**

"White Crochet Bed Spreads Reduced 1/4. Full bed size in a splendid assortment of Marseilles patterns. These spreads are good heavy weight, etc., are regularly \$1.25. For Friday 84c." Our Prices for Spreads that regularly retail at \$1.25 **89c**

"Table Damask Reduced one-third; 63 in. wide. This damask is beautifully mercerized and bleached to snowy whiteness. This splendid damask tomorrow 39c." Our Price for this quality damask is only **29c**

"\$4.50 Black and Colored Silk Petticoats, \$2.95. Petticoats of quality, and cut along the new lines for spring, and are beyond the ordinary quality, etc., sale price \$2.95." Our Price, \$5.00 "Klosoff" Silk Petticoats **\$2.50**

"Bed Spreads, white crochet, full bed size, handsome patterns to choose from, regularly \$2.00 values for tomorrow \$1.50." Our Price for regular \$2.25 White Crochet Quilts **\$1.50**

"95 to \$1.75 untrimmed hats 50c. Choice untrimmed hats from our entire big stock of women's hats, etc., hour sale 12 to 2 o'clock, 50c." Our Price velvet hat shapes, values up to \$1.98 **49c**

"8c and 10c Gingham 6 1/2c. Standard Lancaster and Amoskeag apron gingham, in all colors and checks, yard 6 1/2c." Our Price on all these Gingham **5c**

Watch Our Ads. for announcement of special low price offerings in Women's Merve Underwear, splendid values at very low prices.

Kindly note the difference between Pittsburg prices and of this store. Don't you think it will pay you to trade in your own home town? The above items were only a few of the many which we are underselling.

Exceptional Glove Offering Women's and Misses' Mocha and Chamoisette gloves, in all colors, 2 slaps, and fine quality, regularly 50c; Mill Remnant Sale **39c**

ANOTHER WEEK of Bargains Beginning Jan. 18

The E. Dunn Store, Cuthbertson & Roe, CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

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DEATHS.

Helen Virginia May.

Helen Virginia May, the two year old daughter of Martin and Helen

May, died last Saturday night at the family residence in Clinton, Ind., of

spinal meningitis. In an attempt to save the child's life a surgical operation

was performed. In addition to her parents, a sister, Kathleen, and

brother, Alvin, are surviving. Mrs. May is a former well-known resident of Connellsville and

for the past two years has been foreman of concrete construction work at

Clinton.

Cause Genovese.

Cesar Genovese of this place died last night at the Uniontown hospital

following an illness of pneumonia and rheumatism. He was admitted to the hospital January 12. The body

arrived here this morning and was taken charge of by Funeral Director

J. L. Stuber. Genovese was 38 years old.

Mrs. Martha Sipe.

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PIG AND COKE PARALLELS

The Cleveland Daily Trade Press presents the following interesting article on the parallelism of the pig iron and coke trades in the West.

Almost an exact parallel may be drawn between the market situation in which the pig iron trade of the country finds itself today, and the coke trade both in the Connellsville regions and in the three important Virginia coke producing sections. This parallelism embraces not only production features, but also market and price conditions. In the case of pig iron, production as reflected in our recently published production statistics, has narrowed down to the actual consumption limit, this being true not only of merchant iron but also of steel-making grades. Coke production at Connellsville has been reduced to that identical point for some months. And our review of the Pocahontas, Wise county and New River coke markets in the issue of Jan. 7 shows that south of the Ohio river, coke producers have followed closely the policy of fitting output to exact needs. It would appear from the statistics there shown that while the Connellsville regions have reduced their output to about 18 per cent of normal, yet the West Virginia operators have cut their production to 31 per cent, and the New River operators to about 25 per cent. From this basis of comparison it would appear that the Connellsville curtailment has not been so drastic as in the region south.

Turning to the question of prices, it is generally known that while the heavy sales of pig iron in November and December both in the north and in the south were made at extremely low prices, and although quotations since have been upward, yet buying at the new prices has been heavy in many of the leading buying centers. So far, such buyers in fact have been doing at the higher quotations to settle their stock and meet their obligations in all future months. It must be said that in no section of the country has the tendency to respond to such special prices been so marked as in the case of the Connellsville coke market. Although prompt quotations can be had at \$1.60, some of the ranges are upward to \$1.75, and in the extreme of the market, it is reported that extended quotations have been secured under \$1.75. A number of ovens in the Connellsville region will not be relit until at least the contract price moves back to \$1.60. There seems to be no question of this.

The fact seems to be that the pig iron and coke markets are in a position, like the market for steel, to turn upon a dime. A few orders for coke may move the market, and a few orders for pig iron may move the market. It is a matter of fact that the pig iron market is beginning to do a little better as to their rate of operation because machine shops, etc., are beginning to order. Some blast furnaces are being reduced to about one-third of normal capacity, and some are being shut down. But, as the Connellsville coke market a few days ago, the latter sentiment in the iron and steel trade, which has been noted for some time, is not being transferred to the coke market. It is a matter of fact that the pig iron market is beginning to do a little better as to their rate of operation because machine shops, etc., are beginning to order. Some blast furnaces are being reduced to about one-third of normal capacity, and some are being shut down. But, as the Connellsville coke market a few days ago, the latter sentiment in the iron and steel trade, which has been noted for some time, is not being transferred to the coke market.

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NATURAL GAS RATES

The Mount Pleasant Independent Journal, a coal and gas paper of the West, has a contribution by the people of Mount Pleasant, Scotland and Connellsville for lower gas rates does not seem to have united home support. The Mount Pleasant Journal says of the proposition:

"Coke, as noted in the columns last week, has submitted a committee to consult with Scotland and Connellsville authorities on the natural gas rates question. The franchise, which the Erie County Gas Company has from the town by a franchise, is in effect April 1, 1915, and the proposition to reduce the rate to 10 cents per cubic foot is a matter of fact. It is a matter of fact that the Connellsville coke more than holds its own when the supply is greater than the demand, in spite of the fact of claims of other regions that their coke is equal to or better than Connellsville coke. But this is an old story.

credit for all these expenses in bringing it to what is considered a fair rate. Then, too, we are at the wrong end of the line to do much except grin and bear it."

This is a very conservative and sensible view of the question. It does not, however, prevent any individuals who feel strongly enough on the subject to make an appeal to the commission. It frequently happens that citizens who have real or fancied grievances against public utility corporations are desirous of having their burden assumed by the municipality; but city and borough authorities should always keep in mind the fact that they are acting for the whole people, and that when it comes to forcing a public utility they should be well assured of their ability to do so before they begin proceeding.

They should also be reasonably certain that the effect of their action, when successful, will be wise and beneficial.

Burgess Robt. Wickman's higher Connellsville law has been laid low. He discharged the policemen and he now wants to discharge the borough collector, but the policemen won't be discharged, and the collector has ordered their salaries paid to date. (Democratic administrations are just a little different. That's what makes them so expensive.)

There are many speculations as to the personnel of Governor Hiram Burch's cabinet, but Martin is sitting on the job, and there isn't a back anywhere.

The big boom in steel our building is thought to be over for the reason that most of the wooden ones are now replaced by steel ones, and future demands will on that account be less overwhelming. But even steel ones will wear out, also pile up every now and then.

The city bread line shows no signs of abatement.

The Connellsville physicians were enlightened on the subject of "legally-lying" at a dinner given by one of their number who understands the art of entertaining. It was a slippery night, but every doctor took his equilibrium safely home.

Sweden objects to England regulating her commerce. We are used to government regulation in America, but of course it is home rule.

American Railroads; The Union Pacific

By GEORGE C. STONE,
 Author of "At Good Old Slaves."

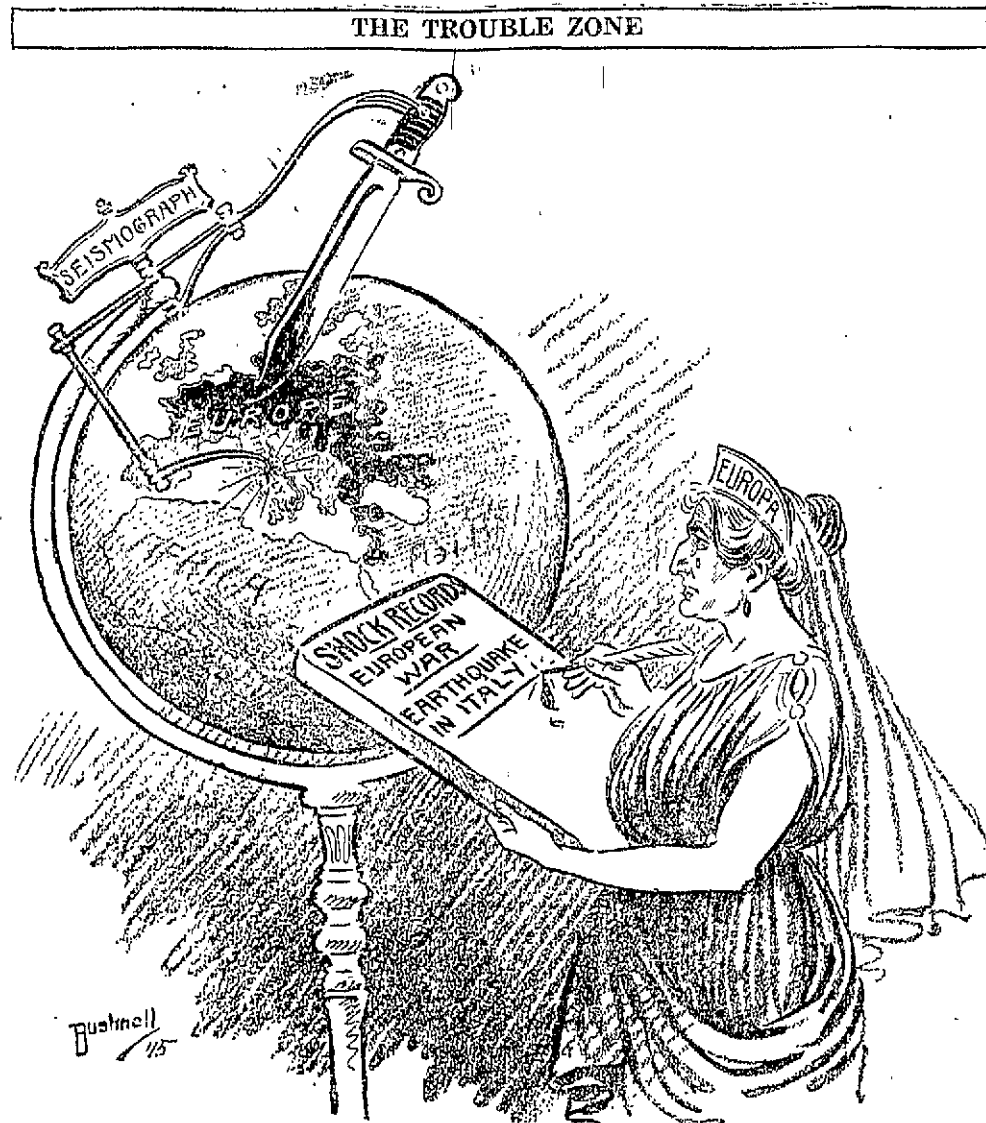
The Union Pacific railroad was projected at a time when the adventurous American who wanted to go to San Francisco had to make his journey in a pack train and ride three weeks holding on with one hand and waving off arrows and mountain lions with the other.

No railroad ever began life under such favorable conditions as this one. The government supplied the survey and two canal boats full of money to the builders. It also turned over to them for a right of way a strip of land as wide as a Chesapeake Bay. When the railroad was completed from Council Bluffs, Ia., to San Francisco in 1869, the officials met in the desert and joined the rails with golden spikes.

Twenty-two years later the company was hunting for the spikes in order to put them back for road. After hauling the spikes across the great west for twenty-five years the Union Pacific gave it up and went broke. There were a great many unemployed men at the time, but in the end a little man named Harriman bought the road at a bargain sale and began reworking it. The original system had been drilled through the buffalo and restless red men with more bravery than science, but Harriman changed all that. He built the road over, dumping his late victims and the men who went in debt a few hundred millions and bought the Southern Pacific, the Oregon Railway & Navajo.

High officials met in the desert and joined the rails with golden spikes. Harriman and his many other men and miscellaneous roads that it was found for a time that he might buy in the National capital for a cheap price. Harriman has since died, but the Union Pacific is now in paying 10 cents per cubic foot. It is a matter of fact that the Connellsville coke more than holds its own when the supply is greater than the demand, in spite of the fact of claims of other regions that their coke is equal to or better than Connellsville coke. But this is an old story.

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COKE OVEN MISHAPS ARE COMPARED WITH QUARRY INDUSTRY

Figures for 1914 are Compiled by the Bureau of Mines.

46 EMPLOYEES ARE KILLED

Out of 24,315 Employed, 342 Were Seriously Injured and 2,172 Only Slightly Hurt; Lariers are Blamed for a Majority of the Mishaps.

The hazard of the coke industry compares favorably with the quarry industry and the furnace workings of iron mines as shown by figures collected by the Bureau of Mines for the year 1914. The investigation conducted by the bureau includes the reports of 231 establishments, 67 of which were reported as idle, leaving 277 plants as operating, and for which accident reports were received.

The number of coke establishments is practically 55, with slightly over 100,000 ovens. The bureau's report embraces practically one-half of the ovens, and 80 per cent of the output, the number reported to the bureau as active being 67,526 and in addition 12,150 ovens were reported idle. While the accident figures thus collected are not complete for the entire industry yet they are thoroughly representative. No distinction has been made concerning the type of ovens in use.

The distinction made between a serious and slight injury is in accordance with that used by the bureau in the collection of mine and quarry accident statistics. Hence, a serious accident is considered in this report as one that would disable a man and keep him from duty 20 days or more. This class includes such injuries as broken arms and legs, loss of eye, and severe cuts and bruises.

A slight injury is considered as one that involves a loss of more than one day and less than 20 days. Under this class may be placed such injuries as sprains, bruised fingers, bruises, dirt in eye, slight burns, effect of powder smoke, etc. Of course any slight injury may become infected and thus result in a serious accident as defined above.

It will be noted that 13 fatalities resulted from accidents caused by cars, ladders and motors, and 7 fatalities were caused by railway cars and locomotives, making a total of 20 deaths due to haulage or transportation systems, representing 43 per cent of all the fatalities. Six fatalities were due to coke-drawing machines representing 13 per cent of the total, and 11 per cent to electricity.

Of the serious injuries 26 per cent were due to haulage systems, 23 per cent to fall of persons. Of the slight injuries 8 per cent was due to haulage systems; 12 per cent to falls of persons; 11 per cent to hand tools and 18 per cent to ladders. Since 13 per cent of the fatalities at coke ovens are due to haulage systems, greater care and precaution should be taken to safeguard the employees who operate or work adjacent to haulage or transportation equipment. Inasmuch as electric haulage is used extensively, a large percentage of the electrical accidents may also be classified with those resulting from haulage systems, or a total of approximately 50 per cent of all fatalities. It is in this department of the coke industry that there appears to be an excellent field for accident reduction.

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MONEY SAVING TIME

Union Supply Attractions

The Union Supply Company stores always have some special bargain sale going on; it is a continuation the whole year 'round, but just now we are offering something very special in Shoe Bargains. Our stocks are heavy; we are overloaded, and to move them out we are reducing prices. The lines are complete in every respect—Men's, Women's and Children's Footwear. We have for women and misses the very newest styles in Dress Shoes; we have for the elderly women comfortable, low heel, broad lasts; complete lines of men's dress and working shoes; the very best knock-about School Shoes for girls and boys that the market produces. Now, the reductions are actual, bona fide; it is not catch-trap advertisement; it is a real reduction sale. We are hardly in mid-winter yet; there is going to be much weather that you will need heavy shoes before springtime, and you should take advantage of these reductions. We are not going to specify prices further than to say that many of our shoes are reduced Twenty-Five per cent; other lines as high as Fifty per cent.

Investigate yourself—call and see the lines.

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The Store With a Reputation for Good Footwear

It's Prepaid. Take It

Mr. Merchant, if some one sent you a package of money prepaid, would you take the trouble to go to the express office and get it?

Of course you would.

You have on your shelves certain goods of well known brands.

When the manufacturer of one of these brands comes into this paper with his advertisement he is literally expressing you money.

He is making a demand for goods, the sale of which means profit for you.

Is it any more than ordinary sense to try and push these goods to show them in your windows and let the public know you have them?

Do YOU Know About OUR Prices ?

We are anxious to have you find out about them

They will interest you when you're in need of printing

LOVELY SOUTHLAND FROCKS

Absorb Woman Now



The 1915 Lingerie Dress will be a softly transparent fabric of improved crepe net



Lace and Net Veil a Foundation Frock of Tinted Silk

Net Over Lace, Lace Over Chiffon Equals the 1915 Lingerie Frock -- Stockings and Slippers Match Colored Sashes and Parasols -- Short Skirts Whatever the Fabrics Used.

ARTICULARLY every season is promised for Palm Beach and other Southern resorts. This year, since all the talk has habitually been for out-of-door sports, and to the Riviera playground, will stay at home this season and take their indispensable outfit on this side of the Atlantic. Whether the winter is "open" or not, makes very little difference to people who go to Palm Beach, Allen, Asheville, Hot Springs, Bermuda and the West Indies. They flee away southward, not to escape climate but boredom, and were the temperature in New York to remain above forty throughout January and February it is probable that the hotels at Palm Beach would be just as well-filled as in a season of snow and ice up north.

Slips Girlishly Short. Little by little the eye has become accustomed to abbreviated petticoats, and what would have shocked one a year ago is now accepted as perfectly correct. Though the hem of the fashionable skirt often extends above the ankles by two or three inches, the hemline from the ground is the average length of the walking costume, or dancing gown and a noted concert singer appeared on the stage one evening last month in a sparkling chiffon and turquoise satin costume whose skirt swung well above her turquoise silk clad ankles. All the Palm Beach costumes are short, or if they are not short, they give the effect of shortness by wide, ripple trimmings mounted over narrow skirts in ordinary length. If one has pretty ankles, there is no objection to showing them this year provided they are shown below a very wide, flaring skirt, but the short, narrow-cut skirt is impossible from a fashionable or an artistic standpoint.

The Palm Beach Wardrobe. It is not necessary to have a great many costumes for a fortnight at Palm Beach, but the costumes that are taken along must be fresh and new and have a summery suggestion. Fairly worn, dry-cleaned winter furs will look hopelessly pathetic at a big Palm Beach hotel where everybody is clothed in daintily fresh, brand new spring costumes; and though a chance might be taken with furs to frocks to be worn by guests, costumes for morning and afternoon should suggest spring in their fresh newness and daintiness.

Fur coats of course will be rampant at Palm Beach and the new styles show great diversity of color. The peaked shawl promises to be the favorite and black and white striped parasols will be very smart with colored white costumes. The latest made of linen and rayon are enchanting of face, with short, ruffled skirts well calculated to show a pretty foot in



High Collars and Wide Sashes mark the Advance Styles for the Midwinter Southland

sleeves, collar and pinnafore are edged with pleated net ruffling.

Long Sleeves On Shortest Bodices. It is fadish this year to have very long sleeves on even thin dresses and the woman who can stand long sleeves in summer, without exasperation of spirit, will be likely to wear them; but that comfortable elbow sleeves will also be permissible is shown by two of today's authoritative lingerie models, one of lace and the other of burdure net. An ultra smart net gown for Southland wear, just completed for a young matron noted for her up-to-date costumes, has a net skirt tucked to the waistline--or rather to a shallow yoke, covered by the deep, draped bodice--and a perfectly plain, tailored waist with a high, turned collar and turned-back cuffs of white tulle and silk. The deep bodice is the only soft feminine feature of the costume, if one may except the full, tucked skirt, and one feels that a leather belt would be more consistent with this tailored lingerie gown which is like a trained nurse's neat uniform in all but material. One of the prettiest--yet one of the most shabby--lingerie costumes pictured is the frock of embroidered



The Favorite Cape Motif in Flax Lace Over this Dainty Net Frock for Palm Beach

The Pinnafore Dress with a Suspender Arrangement of Lilac Ribbon and Lining of Lavender Silk

Overcoming the Debutante Slouch

PHYSICAL culturists, gymnast teachers, fencing masters and other devotees of physical perfection are now taking heart of grace and preparing for a profitable season; for at last the slouchy figure is going out of fashion; trimness and poise are taking the place of relaxed limpness and the modern woman is again going to look as though she possessed a backbone, instead of being lumped together by flabby muscles. Almost three years ago the now famous debutante slouch came into fashion. At first it was taken up only by very youthful and frivolous maidens who copied it from the attitude of an actress noted for her graceful movements rather than her listless one. The debutante slouch came into fashion. At first it was taken up only by very youthful and frivolous maidens who copied it from the attitude of an actress noted for her graceful movements rather than her listless one. The debutante slouch came into fashion. At first it was taken up only by very youthful and frivolous maidens who copied it from the attitude of an actress noted for her graceful movements rather than her listless one.

Two of the figures (the side and back views) show an arm exercise for straightening round shoulders, a defect which has developed with the debutante slouch and which is far too prevalent among young women now. The arms are extended as far down and out as possible at the back and the fingertips interlocked. Then by bending the elbows the arms are drawn up until the locked fingers touch the waistline at the back. The chest is thrown out as the illustration shows, and while the hands are clasped at the back a few deep-breathing exercises should be taken. Expel all the air from the lungs, then draw in more air slowly, slowly, gradually inflating the lungs until you can feel the snugness of your belt. This means that the lungs are filled to their lowest depths--which are not often treated to a change of air, for most women breathe with the upper lungs alone. After holding the breath a moment, expel the air as slowly as it was drawn in. This will give you a better poise and will also help to make your waistline slimmer.

Charming indeed in its feminine suggestion of daintiness is the burdure gown whose trimming of Venice lace and the pinnafore has pink roses and green leaves on its white tulle ground. Pink stockings of delicate

PARROT & CO.

HAROLD MACGRATH

Author of The Carpet from Bagdad,
The Place of Honey moons, etc.

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"Isn't it delicious?" murmured Elsa, taking in deep breaths of the warm, spicy air. Since her visit to the wonderful garden at Kandy in Ceylon she had found a new interest in plants and trees.

She thoroughly enjoyed the few hours on land, even to the porrow Warrington had with the unscrupulous driver, who, at the journey's end, substituted one price for another, despite his original bargain.

As they waited for the tender that was to convey them back to the ship, Elsa observed a powerful middle-aged man, gray-haired, hawk-faced, steel-eyed, watching her companion intently. Then his keen eyes traveled over her, from her crown down to her feet.

There was something so baldly appalling in the look that a flush of anger turned into her cheeks. The man turned and said something to his companion, who shrugged and smiled. Impudently Elsa tugged at Warrington's sleeve.

"Who is that man over there by the railing?" she asked in a very low voice. "He looks as if he knew you."

"Knew you?" Warrington echoed. The moment he had been dreading had come. Someone who knew him! He turned his head slowly, and Elsa, who had not dropped her hand, could feel the muscles of his arm stiffen under the sleeve. He held the stranger's eye defiantly for a space. The latter laughed insolently at him. It was more for Elsa's sake than for his own that Warrington allowed the other to stare him down. His thoughts raced, leaving him as cold as ashes. "I shall tell you who he is later, not here."

For the second time since that night on the Iravaddy, Elsa recorded a disagreeable sensation. It proved to be transitory, but at the time it served to establish a stronger doubt in regard to her independence, so justifiable in her own eyes. It might be incidentally leading her far away from the stepping-off place. The unspoken words in those hateful eyes! The man knew Warrington, knew him perhaps as a manufacturer, and judged his associates accordingly. She thus readily saw the place she occupied in the man's estimation. She experienced a shiver of dread as she observed that he stepped on board the tender. She even heard him call back to his friend to expect him from Singapore during the second week in March. But the dread went away, and pride and anger grew instead. All the way back to the ship she held her chin in the air, and from time to time her nostrils dilated. That look! If she had been nearer she was certain that she would have struck him across the face.

"There will be no one up in the boat," said Warrington. "Will you go up there with me?" After a moment's hesitation, she nodded. A moment after she felt the old familiar throb under her feet, and the ship moved slowly out of the bay. "Do you know that that man came aboard?"

"I know it," the white half-breed of coral-reef and sandbar and lower as they drew away. "This is the story. It's got to be told. I should have avoided it if it had been possible. He is the owner of the plantation. Oh, I rather expected something like this. It is my ruin of luck. I was just recover-

ing from the fever. God knows how he found out, but he did. It was during the night. He told me to get out that night. Didn't care whether I did on the road or not. I should have but for my boy James. The man went along with us a poor discarded woman, of whom he had grown tired. She died when we reached town. I had hardly any money. He refused to pay me for the last two months, about fifty pounds. There was no rest for me. There was no possible way I could get back at him. Miss Chetwood. I took money that did not belong to me. I went over against tables. Craig. I ran away. Craig knew and this man Mallow knew. Can you not see the wisdom of giving me a wide berth?"

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Then His Boring Gaze Traveled Over Her.

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"Thanks. But you see, I am an out-cast. Tonight, not a soul on board will be in ignorance of who I am and what I have done. Trust Craig and Mallow for that. Thursday we shall be in Singapore. You must not speak to me again. Give them to understand that you have found me out, that I imposed on your kindness."

"That I will not do."

"Act as you please. There are empty chairs at the second-class table, among the natives. And now, good-by. The happiest hours in ten long years are due to you." He took off his helmet and stepped aside for her to pass. She held out her hand, but he shook his head. "Don't make it harder for me."

"Mr. Warrington, I am not a child!"

"To me you have been the angel of kindness; and the light in your face I shall always see. Please go now."

"Very well." A new and unaccountable pain filled her throat and forced her to carry her head high. "I can find my way back to the other deck."

CHAPTER XII.

The Game of Gossip.

During the concluding days of the voyage Elsa had her meals served on deck. She kept Martha with her continually, promulgated only early in the morning and at night while the other passengers were at dinner. This left a clear deck. She walked quickly, her arm in Martha's, literally propelling her along, never spoke unless spoken to, and then answered in monosyllables. Her thoughts flew to a thousand and one things, fully and valiantly, in the endeavor to shut out the portrait of the broken man. What was he doing, of what was he thinking, where would he go and what would he do? She hated night which, no longer offering sleep, provided nothing in lieu of it, and compelled her to remain in the stuffy cabin. She was afraid.

Early Wednesday morning she passed Craig and Mallow; but the two had wit enough to step aside for her and to speak only with their eyes. She filled Craig with unadvised fear. Mallow dragged along the gambler whenever he found a chance to see Elsa at close range.

"There's a woman, Gad! that beach-comber has taste."

"I tell you to look out for her," Craig warned again. "I know what I'm talking about."

Mallow whistled. "Oh! You probably acted the fool. Dealing?"

"Thought so. Even a Yokohama barmaid with light skin of a beeper. I'm going to meet her when we get to Singapore, or my name's not Mallow."

Craig laughed with malice. "I hope you will. It will take some of the heat out of you. Say, let's go off and hunt up quarters in the second cabin."

"Don't want to run into me. All right; come on. We'll stir him up a little and have some fun."

They found Warrington up in the stern, sitting on the deck surrounded by squatting Malays, some Chinese and a solitary white man, the chief engineer's assistant. The center of interest was Rajah, who was performing his tricks. Among these was one that the bird rarely could be made to perform, the throwing of beads. He displayed this act, as it entailed the putting of a blunt needle in his back. He thrust it under each time Warrington looked it to him. But ever his master patiently returned it. At length, recognizing that the affair might be prolonged indefinitely, Rajah put two beads on the thread and tossed it aside. The Malays jabbered, the Chinaman grinned, and the chief engineer's assistant swore approvingly. The parrot shrilled and waddled back to his cage.

"Fine business for a whole man!"

Warrington looked up to meet the cynical eyes of Mallow. He took out his cutty and fired it. Otherwise he did not move nor let his gaze waver. Mallow, towering above him, could scarcely resist the temptation to stir his enemy with the toe of his boot. His hatred for Warrington was not wholly due to his brutal treatment of him. Mallow always took pleasure in dominating those under him by fear. Warrington had done his work well. He had always recognized Mallow as his employer, but in no other capacity; he had never offered to smoke a pipe with him, or to take a hand at cards or play a game of billiards. It had not been done offensively; but in this attitude Mallow had recognized his manager's disapproval of him, an inner consciousness of superiority in birth and education. He had with supreme satisfaction ordered him off the plantation that memorable night. Weak as the man had been in body, there had been no indication of weakness in spirit.

Occultly Warrington read the desire in the other's eyes. "I shouldn't do it, Mallow," he said. "I shouldn't. Nothing would please me better than to have a good excuse to chuck you over the rail. Upon a time you had the butt of me. I was a sleek man then. I'm in tolerable good health at present."

"You crow, I could break you like a pipe stem," Mallow rained his hands into his coat pockets, seething contemptuously. He weighed fully twenty pounds more than Warrington.

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Crow! Warrington shrugged. In the East Crow is a rough synonym for thief.

"You're at liberty to return to your diggings forward with that impression," he replied coolly. "When we got to Singapore," rising slowly to his height, until his eyes were level with Mallow's, "when we got to Singapore, I'm going to ask you for that fifty pounds, earned in honest labor."

"And if I decline to pay?" "I'll truculently."

"We'll talk that over when we reach port. Now," roughly, "get out. There won't be any bating done today, thank you."

"Cookalavara!" jeered Mallow. Craig touched his sleeve, but he threw off the hand roughly. He was one of the best rough and tumble fighters in the Straits settlement. "You meddling beach-comber, I don't want to mess up the deck with you, but I'll cut your comb for you when we get to port."

Warrington laughed insolently and picked up the parrot cage. "I'll bring the comb. In fact, I always carry it."

Not a word to Craig, not a glance in his direction. Warrington stepped to the companionway and went below.

Craig could not resist grinning at Mallow's discomfiture. "Wouldn't break, eh?"

"Shut your mouth! The sneaking dock-walloper, I'll take the starch out of him when we land! Always had that high and mighty air. Wants folks to think he's a gentleman."

"He was once," said Craig. "No use giving you advice; but he's not a lively individual to bait. I'm not kidding when it comes to scrapping; but I haven't any desire to mix things with him." The fury of the man who had given him the ducking was still vivid. He had been handled as a terror handles a rat.

"I tell you he's yellow. And with a hundred thousand in his clothes, he'll be yellower still."

A hundred thousand, Craig frowned and gazed out to sea. He had forgotten all about the windfall. "Let's go and have a peg," he suggested surlily.

Immediately upon obtaining her rooms at Raffles hotel in Singapore (and leaving Martha there to await the arrival of the luggage, an imposing collection of trunks and boxes and things), Elsa went down to the American consulate, which had its office in the rear of the hotel. She walked through the outer office and stood silently at the consul general's elbow, waiting for him to look up. She was dressed in white, and in the purple of her helmet was the one touch of color, Rajah's blue feather. The consul general turned his head. His kindly face had the settled expression of indulgent inquiry. The expression changed swiftly into one of delight.

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"What a frightful memory you have! And I was going to my first ball. You used the same adjective."

"In there a better one? I'll use it if there is. You've arrived just in time. I am giving a little dinner to the con-

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ALTHOUGH the Scriptures tell us that not many rich, wise and strong are chosen of the Lord for His work, we may be sure that this is not that they would be unacceptable, but because their wisdom, riches, strength, usually make them too self-confident and not sufficiently reliant on the Lord. To Gideon, a stalwart young Israelite, the angel of the Lord was sent with a message. His salutation was, "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valor." With excellent logic Gideon replied, "Why at the Lord be with me, hath all this befallen us? and where are all His miracles, of which our fathers told us?"

The Midianites and other nomadic people of the East, discerning that Canaan was very fertile, repeatedly invaded it, confounding much of the product of the land. On this very occasion Gideon was threshing wheat in a few sheaves of wheat, fearing to have a customary threshing, lest the Midianites should rob them.

The angel was not there to discuss theology, but to inspire Gideon and to make him the Lord's messenger in Israel's deliverance. The man's humility shines out in his protest that his family was one of the poorest of Manasse, and that he himself was inferior to his brethren. But the angel replied, "Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man."

When we remember the Divine promise to defend Israel and to protect their interests, which were all earthly, we should also remember that this protection was dependent upon their maintenance of heart-loyalty and faithfulness to God. The Lord had assured them in advance that if they wandered into idolatry He would bring upon them various adversities; their enemies should reap their crops, etc. Thus we may know the answer to Gideon's question. The Israelites had not been faithful to their Covenant made with God through their Mediator Moses at Mt. Sinai.

A proof of this unfaithfulness is found in our lesson. Gideon's father was caretaker of the groves of Baal and Ashtoreth. Their images were apparently on the property. These groves were large posts, significant of honor, erected near the image. There was the secret of Israel's subjection to the Midianites.

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